

Child Nutrition Weekly Update

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New Child Nutrition Website Launched!

We are happy to announce the launch of the new Child Nutrition Services website! This new site was designed to provide you with as much information at your fingertips as possible and for easy navigation. There are some areas that are still under construction, however, we are diligently working to get all of the pages completed as soon as possible. Be sure to bookmark this new URL:



<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov>

We will share more about the website at the upcoming Annual Conference, however, feel free to

explore the new site and let us know what you think; we value your feedback. Please send your comments or questions to Donna Knight at donna.knight@dpi.nc.gov.

****REMINDER** Reduced Price Breakfast Claims**

PLEASE BE SURE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE NECESSARY CLAIMS AND/OR FINANCIAL PERSONNEL IN YOUR SFA. The Child Nutrition Technology system has not been fully updated to accommodate the change in the state reimbursement for reduced priced breakfast. Developers are working diligently to complete the necessary updates. Upon completion we will provide you with step-by-step instructions on how to obtain your state reimbursement. In the meantime, please submit your monthly claim as usual.

Should you have additional questions please contact Janet Johnson via email at janet.williamsjohnson@dpi.nc.gov.

Local Awards and Recognition

Has your local Child Nutrition Program been recognized for a special program in your school system or individual school(s) or have you received a special award since October, 2010? If so, we want to congratulate you publicly for your achievements at the upcoming Child Nutrition Administrator Conference in October, 2011.

Please send the SFA name, name of the award(s) and any other pertinent information to Janice Ezzell by Sept. 30, 2011.

Is “Provision 2” Right for You?

Is Provision 2, Right for You?

In an effort to reduce paperwork at the local level, Congress has incorporated into Section 11(a)(1) of the National School Lunch Act three alternative provisions to the normal requirements for annual determinations of eligibility for free and reduced price school meals and daily meal counts by type (free, reduced price and paid meals) at the point of service.

PROVISION 2

- This Provision reduces application burdens and simplifies meal counting and claiming procedures. It allows schools to establish claiming percentages and to serve all meals at no charge for a 4 year period.
- Schools must serve meals to all participating children at no charge for a period of 4 years. During the first year, or base year, the school makes eligibility determinations and takes

meal counts by type. During the next 3 years, the school makes no new eligibility determinations and counts only the total number of reimbursable meals served each day. Reimbursement during these years is determined by applying the percentages of free, reduced price and paid meals served during the corresponding month of the base year to the total meal count for the claiming month. The base year is included as part of the 4 years.

- At the end of each 4 year period, the State agency may approve 4 year extensions if the income level of the school's population remains stable.
- **Schools electing this alternative must pay the difference between Federal reimbursement and the cost of providing all meals at no charge. The money to pay for this difference must be from sources other than Federal funds.**

Should the SFA leadership have interest in this special provision, the NCDPI is pleased to announce that there will be a training session conducted by USDA's Kirk Farquharson at the Child Nutrition Annual Conference. Please plan to attend if you are interested in this option.

If you have questions or need additional information about Provision 2 you contact your regional consultant. Or, you may review the resources located on the Child Nutrition website at: <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/eligibility-guidance/usda-provision2-guidance.pdf>) or the USDA website at: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/prov-1-2-3/Prov1_2_3_FactSheet.htm.

2011 Annual Conference for Child Nutrition Administrators

The 2011 NCDPI Annual Conference for Child Nutrition Administrators is scheduled for **October 19-21, 2011** at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center in Research Triangle Park, NC. The conference will include three general sessions, numerous breakout sessions on current child nutrition topics, awards recognition and networking opportunities. Please see the attached packet of information with a survey link to register for the conference. The registration deadline for the conference is **Tuesday, September 28**. The deadline for making hotel reservations is **Tuesday, September 19**. We look forward to offering this training opportunity to you.

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****REMINDER** Select F&R Applications for Verification on October 3rd**

SFAs are required to select the pool of Free & Reduced Price Meal Applications for Verification on October 1st of each year. This year October 1st falls on a Saturday, therefore, SFAs should begin the verification process on **Monday, October 3**. Verification of all selected Free and Reduced price meal applications must be completed by **November 15, 2011**. The period for reporting the results of the Verification process begins on **November 16** with the Verification survey and concludes with the submission of the Verification Summary Report on or before **March 1, 2012**.


Verification Training

A webinar on the Verification process is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20 at 9:30 a.m. An email invitation has been sent to all SFAs. Please contact Karla Wheeler (karla.wheeler@dpi.nc.gov) if you did not receive that invitation.

For additional questions, please contact your Regional Child Nutrition Consultant.

Remember “ SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL” Button

Please be reminded that anytime you modify the SFA or Site Application you must click on the “Submit for Approval” button in order for the application to be re-approved by NCDPI Child Nutrition Services. Failure to do so will temporarily disable some functions of the system for your SFA, which could lead to missed deadlines and possibly corrective action.

Date Submitted for Approval	Date Approved	Status
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<input type="button" value=" < Back"/> Return to previous page.		
<input type="button" value=" Submit for Approval"/> Submits the Application Packet for Approval.		

Weekly Q&A - When the 10th Falls on the Weekend or a Holiday

QUESTION

Occasionally the 10th of the month falls on a weekend or a holiday. If you submit your claim for reimbursement on the next business day and you get the “10 – Day” error code (#1401) what should you do?

ANSWER:

NOTHING. Please remember that anytime the 10th of the month falls on a weekend or a holiday the actual deadline for submitting the claim for reimbursement moves to the next business day. In the event that 10th falls on a weekend and the following Monday is a holiday then the due date moves to the next business day.

The CN Technology system is not programmed to recognize weekends or holidays so the system will still flag any claim for reimbursement submitted after the 10th of the month with the “10 day” error message (Error Code 1401). We are fully aware of this and Sherry Peele, who processes the claims, will automatically override the error message and process claims for reimbursement submitted in this time period. This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15th of each month. It is not necessary to contact us or Sherry.

NOTE: This procedure only applies when the 10th is on a weekend or a holiday. It does not cover claims submitted late for any other reason.

REMINDER: As a courtesy to you, the dates and days that the claims for reimbursement are due are outlined in the “Mark Your Calendar” section of this publication each week.

Please share this information with any of your personnel that are involved in submitting your claims for reimbursement.

Should you have additional questions please contact your regional consultant.

RECALL NOTICES

We are aware that the recall notifications we receive may or may not pertain to any public or charter schools in North Carolina. However, we strive to keep you as well informed as possible by posting any recalls that could potentially cause problems in your school meal programs. Please be sure to review the official recall notices at the web locations provided. Should a recall apply to items currently in your inventory, please follow the instructions provided in the recall notice.

Ground Turkey

Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation, a Springdale, Ark. establishment, is recalling approximately 185,000 pounds of ground turkey products that may be contaminated with a strain of *Salmonella* Heidelberg, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The whole cantaloupes have:

- a green and white sticker that reads: Product of USA- Frontera Produce-Colorado Fresh-Rocky Ford-Cantaloupe
- or
- a gray, yellow, and green sticker that reads: Jensen Farms-Sweet Rocky Fords.

Specific NC distribution is forthcoming. Please check for the identifying info while conducting routine inspections.

The products subject to recall include:

Fresh Ground Turkey Chubs

- 16 oz. (1 lb.) chubs of Fresh HEB Ground Turkey 85/15 with Use or Freeze by Dates of 09/12/2011, 09/13/2011, 09/19/2011 and 09/20/2011
- 16 oz. (1 lb.) chubs of Honeysuckle White 85/15 Fresh Ground Turkey with Use or Freeze by Dates of 09/19/2011, 09/20/2011 and 09/21/2011

Fresh Ground Turkey Trays

- 19.2 oz. (1.2 lb.) trays of Honeysuckle White 85/15 Ground Turkey with Use or Freeze by Dates of 09/10/2011 and 09/12/2011
- 48.0 oz. (3 lb.) trays of Kroger Ground Turkey Fresh 85/15 with Use or Freeze by Dates of 09/17/2011, 09/18/2011 and 09/19/2011
- 48.0 oz. (3 lbs.) trays of Honeysuckle White 85/15 Ground Turkey Family Pack with Use or Freeze by Dates of 09/11/2011, 09/12/2011, 09/13/2011, 09/15/2011, 09/17/2011 and 09/18/2011
- 16 oz. (1 lb.) trays of Honeysuckle White 85/15 Ground Turkey with a Use or Freeze by Date of 09/11/2011

Fresh Ground Turkey Patties

- 16.0 oz. (1 lb.) trays of Honeysuckle White Ground Turkey Patties with a Use or Freeze by Date of 09/18/2011
- 16 oz. (1 lb.) trays of Kroger Ground Seasoned Turkey Patties Fresh 85/15 with a Use or Freeze by Date of 09/17/2011

The products subject to recall today bear the establishment number "P-963" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products were produced on August 23, 24, 30 and 31 of this year.

More details and instructions on this recall are available at:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_071_2011_Release/index.asp

Cantaloupes

The FDA is warning consumers not to eat Rocky Ford Cantaloupe shipped by Jensen Farms and to throw away recalled product that may still be in their home. Jensen Farms is voluntarily recalling Rocky Ford Cantaloupe shipped from July 29 through September 10, 2011, and distributed to at least 17 states with possible further distribution. The recalled cantaloupes have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria* and may be linked to a multi-state outbreak of listeriosis. The CDC reports that at least 22 people in seven states have been infected with the outbreak-associated strains of *Listeria monocytogenes* as of September 14. North Carolina has been identified as one of the states to which the recalled melons were shipped. If we receive additional information on distribution within NC, we'll be sure to pass it along.

More details and instructions on this recall are available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm271899.htm>

Product pictures are available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm271882.htm>

Mark Your Calendar

September 15 (Thursday)	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Due
October 1	FC 1A Annual Financial Form Due
October 3	Verification Selection Process Begins (Select Applications)
October 10 (Monday)	Claim for Reimbursement Due
October 10-14	National School Lunch Week
**October 15 (Saturday)	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim Due
October 19-21	Annual Conference for Child Nutrition Administrators
November 1	Self-Assessment Due for RCCI/Charter/Non-Public Schools (File in SFA)
November 10 (Thursday)	Claim for Reimbursement Due
November 15 (Tuesday)	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Due
November 15	Deadline for Completing Verification of F&R Applications
November 16	Complete Verification Survey

**** REMEMBER** – Anytime the 10th falls on a weekend the actual due date for the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the due date moves to the next business day. With that said, the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any reimbursement submitted after the 10th with the “10 day” error message (Error Code 1401). The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. **NOTE:** This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15th of each month.

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